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SUBJECT: WEEKLY STATUS REPORT -- THAILAND, INDONESIA,  
MALAYSIA, BURMA AND SINGAPORE AFFAIRS

SINGAPORE

INDOCHINESE REFUGEE FACILITY IN SINGAPORE (CONF)

IN FOLLOW UP DISCUSSIONS WITH PM LEE AFTER THE DEPARTURE  
OF ASST SEC DERIAN AND CHAIRMAN WOLFF FROM SINGAPORE,  
AMBASSADOR HOLDRIDGE ONCE AGAIN SOUNDED OUT THE PM TO SEE  
IF AN ACCEPTABLE FORMULA COULD BE WORKED OUT OTHER THAN  
THE POSITION LEE HAD TAKEN REQUIRING US TO ESTABLISH  
ADVANCE QUOTAS FOR THE ONWARD MOVEMENT OF REFUGEES. LEE  
DID NOT DEVIATE FROM THE LINE OF REQUIRING ADVANCE

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WRITTEN GUARANTEES (QUOTAS). IN REPORTING THIS MATTER,  
THE AMB SUGGESTED THAT IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE WITHIN OUR  
OWN REGULATIONS TO RESERVE TO SINGAPORE SOME SPACES WITHIN  
THE TOTAL OF 7000 NEW ONES WE HOPE TO RECEIVE. THIS HAS  
BEEN DISCUSSED INFORMALLY WITH HA AND, WHILE NO COMMITMENT  
CAN BE MADE UNTIL THE MATTER IS REVIEWED BY DERIAN AND  
WE IN FACT HAVE BEEN AUTHORIZED THE NUMBERS, IT APPEARS TO

BE A DISTINCT POSSIBILITY.

VISIT OF NUCLEAR-POWERED WARSHIP TO SINGAPORE (SECRET)

SINGAPORE HAS GRANTED CLEARANCE FOR A VISIT TO SEMBAWANG NAVAL BASE BY THE NUCLEAR USS QUEENFISH JAN 30-FEB 4. THE EMBASSY NOTES THAT ALTHOUGH THE FACT THAT THE SHIP WAS NPW WAS CLEARLY INDICATED IN OUR DIPLOMATIC NOTE, GOS CLEARANCE WAS RECEIVED IN THE SAME ROUTINE MANNER AS OTHER VISITS. ADDITIONAL CHECKS CONFIRMED THAT SINGAPORE IS FULLY AWARE THAT THE VESSEL IS A NPW.

MALAYSIA

PRIVATE VISIT OF KING AND QUEEN OF MALAYSIA (CONF)

THE KING AND QUEEN OF MALAYSIA ARE PLANNING A PRIVATE VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES THIS SPRING. THEY WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE SULTAN OF SELANGOR. NO PRECISE DATES HAVE BEEN GIVEN.

MALAYSIAN NATIONAL ELECTIONS (CONF)

THE MALAYSIAN PRESS HEADLINES THAT ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD IN 1978. THE EMBASSY NOTES THAT THIS IS THE FIRST  
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TIME THE SOURCE OF SUCH INFORMATION HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS THE PRIME MINISTER. THIS AND OTHER DEVELOPMENTS CONFIRM EMBASSY'S BELIEF THAT BARRING UNFORESEEN CHANGES, ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD THIS YEAR, MOST PROBABLY BEFORE JULY.

INDONESIA

F-5 NOTIFICATION (CONF)

WE EXPECT TO INSTRUCT DOD/DSAA IMMINENTLY TO SEND THE CLASSIFIED 20-DAY ADVANCE NOTIFICATION ON THE SALE OF F-5'S TO THE HILL. DOD CAN DO SO IN A COUPLE OF DAYS. WE WILL THEN HAVE MET OUR COMMITMENT TO THE INDONESIANS TO NOTIFY CONGRESS IN JANUARY. THE NEXT STEP WILL BE THE UNCLASSIFIED FORMAL 30-DAY CERTIFICATION TO THE HILL. THAT DOCUMENT WILL REQUIRE A SIGNED PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINATION WHICH SHOULD BE ROUTINE. CHRISTOPHER

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